

# **Fiscal Services Division**

## **Legislative Services Agency**

### **Fiscal Note**

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SF 2136 - Real Estate Broker Trust Account Transfer (LSB 5363 SV)  
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#### **Description**

Senate File 2136 directs interest earned on the Title Guaranty Fund and interest earned on the trust accounts of real estate brokers to be deposited in the State Housing Trust Fund instead of the Local Housing Assistance Program Fund. Senate File 2136 also transfers all unobligated funds in the Local Housing Assistance Program Fund to the State Housing Trust Fund. The Local Housing Assistance Program and Fund are repealed.

#### **Background**

The balance in the Local Housing Assistance Program Fund was \$1.3 million on February 5, 2008. The Title Guaranty Fund earned an average of \$204,000 and the trust accounts of real estate brokers earned an average of \$205,000 over the prior four fiscal years.

#### **Assumptions**

- The balance in the Local Housing Assistance Program Fund was \$1.3 million on February 5, 2008, and will remain constant.
- The interest earned on the Title Guaranty Fund and the trust accounts of real estate brokers will total \$409,000 annually.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

Senate File 2136 will decrease the funds available to the Local Housing Assistance Program and increase revenue to the State Housing Trust Fund by the following estimated amounts:

- \$1.7 million in FY 2009
- \$409,000 in FY 2010 and each fiscal year thereafter

#### **Sources**

Iowa Finance Authority  
Department of Economic Development

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